

Range of Possible Alternatives

What are the Possible Alternatives that could be Developed in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement?

No Action

The decision could be made not to restore any population of bison.

Restoration of a Small Free-Ranging Bison Population to be Used as a Learning Opportunity

The decision could be made to restore a small population of bison in order to learn how bison utilize the landscape. This knowledge could be used for the development of future programs.

Restoration of a Free-Ranging Bison Population that Meets the Minimum Herd Size Recommended by Geneticists.

The decision could be made to restore a population of approximately 400 bison, which is similar to other free-ranging programs. This size herd would require active management to maintain genetic integrity.

Restoration of a Free-Ranging Bison Population that Meets the Preferred Herd Size Recommended by Geneticists

The decision could be made to restore a larger population of approximately 1,000 bison in order to preserve genetic integrity and prevent inbreeding.

Other Alternatives?